"MASTER of MONEY" BY ROY VICKERS

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

"But can you do anything without government protection?" she ked. "I thought that was the essence of the whole thing."

a longst other things. There are affairs." latle bands of cut-throats, of a problem.

to have a surname.

The other two are about half down upon an unarmed gang of

deed men!" Shirley exclaimed. overs and supplying them with gest-" Then I shall buy off a few the members of the gang-I get in touch with them quite ily-and if there's any trouble w'll fight to the death as they n't want to be taken by the ders they deserted. Altogether may make a job of it. You see, once we've got the

the mines and the quarries and

ave nothing in it for our friends offer my congratulations." e comitadji. In the end, you e e if I don't employ most of the bor, which will yield a better re- oddly. turn than the cut-throat business. His eyes sparkled as he spoke.

she was beginning to understand mean by saying that he has 'sura good deal about Alan-knew rendered'?" that he was at once the man of - then faced the reality that she the orders of your company." had failed.

Do you remember giving me those shares? . . . Of course you've | handed it to Shirley. actually got them in your possession. But I want you to count me his hand. out of that, Alan. I've got nearly five thousand dollars left-I shall go on trying until I've got my in fourteen days, the localities

pasage back—then I'll go." Oh, we can't talk about all be worth anything. But while we cer in command," supplemented are on the subject—I only hold Maurois. these shares as mortgage. Roger

-somehow he didn't do it."

"I intend to write him offering to take them as complete settlement of his debt to me. He will, So it is to a point. But I've of course, be bound to accept. I rned a thing or two in that Then, if anything comes of this office of mine-about comitadji venture, you and I will settle our

So that was to be the end of it. e or four men, all over this thought Shirley. In bitterness of wretched country as well as all soul she reminded herself of that over this city. They don't exist as morning on the moors when she had spoken grandiloquently of There are about three bands sharing with him the toil and the men strong, is under a fellow yet at times strangely pleasant, in him, but what would you?" called Stephanos. He doesn't seem place of danger and disease she had nerved herself to face.

It seemed very far away-that the size of his band. Now, none stinging determination to pay the of these fellows want a pitched debt that Roger would not attempted-had he not told her that workmen and collar their wages, she had done her best? And her Well, I'm going to provide 'em best had consisted of exchanging with a pitched battle if they turn optimistic platitudes with Stavros-and being flattered and more But-you can't fight a hun- or less entertained by Maurois.

"If you really intend to stay on Not by myself. But there are here, we must come to some ara good many Serbians in this rangement," Alan was saying. "It They hate all these fellows, is merely quixotic for you to and they're born fighters. I've spend your last penny. In fact, the idea of enrolling them as sometime ago I was going to sug-

He broke off as the housekeeper entered the room. "Monsieur Maurois," she an-

Alan muttered under his breath and Shirley gave him a warning

glance as the Frenchman came in. "This is a dreadful hour to call even in Macedonia," said Maurois farway going we're all right. The as he shook hands with both of nitadji don't worry about rail- them. "My excuse must be that They want money. They I have come to indulge in the seln't hold up our trains because fish pleasure of bringing good they'll contain only the products news." He turned to Shirley. "Dear lady, your inflexible will has at last broken the heart of I've thought out a wages sys- my good friend, Monsieur Stavfor the mines and the other ros. He has surrendered, and you depots up-country which will must permit me to be the first to

looked from Maurois to Alan who gangs themselves on peaceful la- was staring at the Frenchman "Really, Monsieur Maurois, I don't understand. What do you

Shirley caught her breath. She

"There arrived for him this evaffairs and visionary, knew that ening authority from Athens to the real driving force behind him detail a regiment of soldiers for was to banish chaos from the the protection of workers employplans of Macedonia and turn the ed by your company. He was himcomitadji into farmers. Some- self painfully pleased, but, as in thing in her bowed down to the the manner with these fellows. builder, the creator in him-the was seiged with nervousness. I universal father who wanted to took the liberty of volunteering feed and clothe and protect the to bring you the news and the ofwhole of humanity. She glimpsed ficial authorization, which places the glory of working by his side the local General in effect under

> As he spoke, Maurois took a document from his pocket and Shirley, speechless, took it from

"The instructions are that the troops are to be ready to march where protection is required being specified by yourselves-all that later." said Alan. "We don't details of a purely military nature know yet that the shares will ever being left, of course, to the offi-

"Monsieur Maurois, I-I hard-

intended to make them over to me | ly know how to thank you," faltered Shirley.

"For acting as messenger from Stavros' house? Dear lady, it is not an excessive service." "You have done more than that," said Shirley quickly. always put me off with platitudes

"He

and threatened him that you it with you and I will say goodthat matter, and the chief one, despair. There had been a ridicul- would assuredly give the Ameri- night, my friends." which is about a hundred fighting ous little domestic life, irksome can people a bad impression of "I feel sure you have helped ois again, her exultation now dim-

ley. "I--" Shirley. the self-possessed, stammered into silence. She watched him and noted that he buttle-their idea is to swoop tempt to pay. She had at least at- fought for self-control and nar- avoided her eye.

rowly held it. She wanted to scream, to laugh, to cry. Through a mist she saw Alan, his face stern. Then, dimly, she heard

"I agree with you, Maurois. My wife has worked very hard, but I have no doubt that she is much indebted to you. You must allow me to put a little proposition before you later-in fact, as my wife is, to an extent, my business partner, I will put it to you now. Will you accept a parcel of shares as-as a little token of our gratitude?"

"My dear Brennaway, it is delightful of you to make the offer, but I could not think of accepting and promises. I feel sure you have it. Believe me, you grossly exaghelped to make him take action." | gerate my part in the affair. A Maurois shrugged his should- trifling courtesy which I have been most happy to perform-"Oh, I will not deny that I that is all. And now I am sure have told him he is a lazy fellow Mrs. Brennaway wishes to discuss

Shirley had been conscious of a jarring note. She thanked Maurmore than that!" protested Shir- med with the fear that something had gone wrong.

When Alan came back she

"Well, Shirley, you were just saying that you had failed and now it appears you've succeeded. You have obtained military protection for the laborers. You have in fact, done what you set out to do. You have done what your husband refused to try-and you have succeeded where he would

certainly have failed."

His voice was cold-utterly cold -yet she knew that he was nervof these-it had all been too easy -and that was why Alan was talking about it as if she herself had no existence.

"Yes, here is the concession," Maurois-"

recognize that that is not my affair. You remember in our orig- know what you are saying to inal conversation way back in me?" Vermont-"

"Don't please," cried Shirley,

-if you remember-you chose to tell you I am complaining of nothregard your husband's debt to me ing. To fulfill the bargain you as being your own in the sense forced upon yourself with me, that you wished to repay it. It you used the weapon which you was agreed that you would dis- use with consummate skill." charge your part of the debt if you were to do what he ought to have done. You have done it. How you have done it, I repeat, is not my affair."

The moment of triumph had failed. Why, oh why, was he not ous. She sank into a chair, hurt offering his hand and taking back and bewildered. This was the the insult he had once flung at moment of triumph of which she her? All these words he was givhad dreamed. She had thought of ing her-formal stilted words herself fighting her way to this that sounded like an accusation. moment through toil and danger His last phrase echoed back into and disease. There had been none her brain and her attention seized on it.

"How did you think I did it?" she asked. "In the easy way?"

She stared at him, dazed. She she said, gulping back tears of had the impression that he had disappointment. "But I believe not meant to say that-that someall the same that it was Monsieur thing outside his own nature had forced the words in a hoarse "Quite!" cut in Alan. "But I whisper to his lips.

"Alan," she gasped.

City Manager Is Scandal Center

(To be continued)

CLEVELAND, Jan. 20 .- (AP) -The beginning of a vigorous movement here to correct the ills in municipal government has come from the suspension of William R. Hopkins, after his service of six years a manager of

ager government. For six years Cleveland's new form of government has weathered attack after attack. The sus- ternatives of either defying the pension of Hopkins Monday night was the climax.

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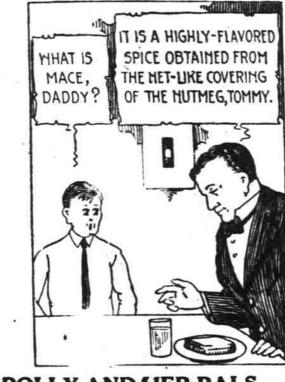
Whether city manager govern-"It isn't my affair," he re- ment in Cleveland is an improvepeated. "But I don't want you ment over the mayorality system with Russia. The Soviet has been "I was only going to say that to misunderstand my words. I remains an open question.

TOKYO, Jan. 20. - (AP) -Rengo News Agency's Harbin correspondents yesterday foresaw As Ouster Made possible indefinite postponement of the Sino-Russian conference at Moscow, January 25, due to the Nanking government's inclination to repudiate vital portions of the protocol signed at Khabarovsk, Siberia, following six months of quasi-warfare between the two

countries. A readjustment of Chinese-Cleveland, the largest city in the Russian relations was- to have been sought at the Moscow meeting. As a consequence of the Nanking attitude, Manchurian authorities are facing the unpleasant al-Nationalist government heads at Nanking and negotiating a separate agreement or continue the costly and dangerous bickering encouraging the former action.

By PIM

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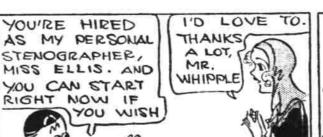






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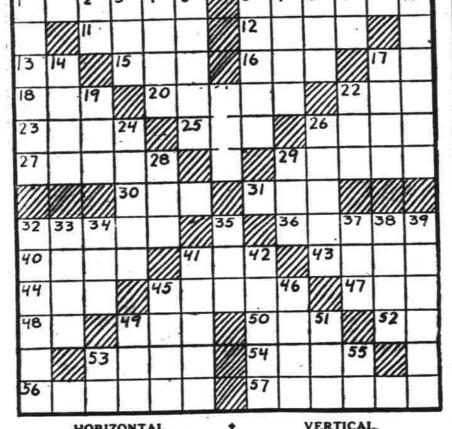




LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY

"A Piece of Her Mind"

By BEN BATSFORD



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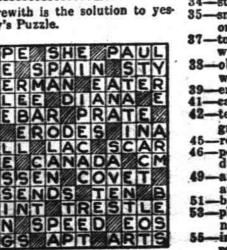
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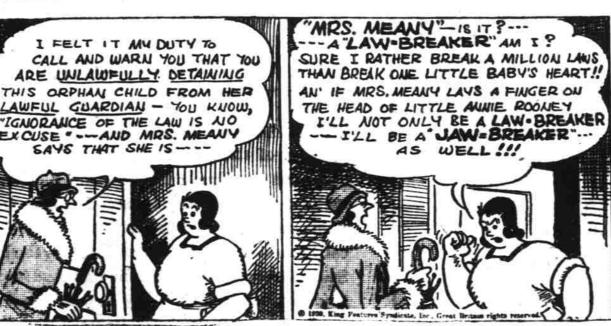
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YOU WEREN'T TOO OLD TO BLUSH



TOOTS AND CASPER

"A Secret They'll Keep"

By JIMMY MURPHY







